



## NRW Scholarship Programme 2020 of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia for students from Palestinian Territories

<p><b>Who supports the scholarship programme?</b></p>	<p>Since 2007, the state government of North Rhine-Westphalia (in the following: NRW) has been carrying out a scholarship programme for students from the Palestinian territories (in the following called "Palestine").<sup>1</sup></p> <p>The programme is being implemented by the Heinrich-Heine-University Duesseldorf, who works on behalf of the state government of NRW as the programme coordination office.</p>
<p><b>What does the programme offer?</b></p>	<p>The programme offers short-term scholarships for students in master degree and Ph.D. programmes from selected Palestinian universities wishing to pursue studies and research in NRW.</p>
<p><b>Which are the scientific and cultural objectives of the programme?</b></p>	<p>The scholarship programme is designed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To enable scholars to familiarize themselves with the higher education and research scene in NRW.</li> <li>- To establish new contacts and networks between Palestine and NRW.</li> <li>- To initiate new scientific cooperation between Palestine and NRW and to intensify existing cooperative research.</li> <li>- To offer scholarship holders to get the opportunity to acquire skills and qualifications in NRW. This will enable them to contribute to the advancement of the research system in Palestine and to promote social processes.</li> <li>- To enable scholars to carry out research projects at university facilities in NRW as preparation of or as a part of their master's or Ph.D. thesis at their home university.</li> <li>- To be involved in the respective research teams,</li> <li>- to have the opportunity to take an active role in project group activities.</li> </ul> <p>Culturally this means for the scholars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to be open to new cultural challenges,</li> <li>- to accustom oneself to new cultural surroundings,</li> <li>- to be willing and motivated in this regard in order to acquire intercultural and international competences.</li> </ul> <p><i>You can find out more about former scholars and their experiences on our homepage in the section <a href="#">"Scholars' Network"</a>.</i></p>

<sup>1</sup> Please note:

Applications of Palestinian citizens who reside outside the West Bank cannot be accepted.



<p><b>Who is eligible?</b></p>	<p>Students enrolled in master degree programmes (advanced term) or Ph.D. programmes at one of the following Palestinian Universities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Birzeit University near Ramallah;</li> <li>- Al-Quds University in East-Jerusalem;</li> <li>- Bethlehem University;</li> <li>- An-Najah National University in Nablus;</li> <li>- Hebron University;</li> <li>- Palestine Technical University, Kadoorie;</li> <li>- Palestine Polytechnic University in Hebron;</li> <li>- The Arab American University (AAUJ) in Jenin</li> </ul>
<p><b>Scale and duration of funding</b></p>	<p>The NRW Scholarship Programme can be awarded for a minimum duration of two months and a maximum duration of three months (from early May 2020 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020).</p> <p>This includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to all central facilities such as libraries, computers, internet, etc.</li> <li>- A tutor as individual counselor.</li> <li>- Travel expenses of a maximum of 700 € will be refunded. (Only if relevant travel documents are provided).</li> <li>- Accommodation will be organized by the host universities.</li> <li>- A public transport season ticket providing mobility throughout the region.</li> <li>- Living expenses of 500 € per month.</li> <li>- Health insurance coverage will be provided by the state of NRW within the framework of the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Group Insurance Scheme.</li> <li>- Optional German language courses at the host university (recommended).</li> </ul> <p>We highly recommend that accepted students take part in a German language course prior to or during the scholarship stay in NRW, especially if scholars have few or no knowledge of the German language. Depending on the time frame of the scholarship stay, the respective host university may offer German courses for foreign students.</p> <p>As an alternative, scholars might participate in a course at their home university prior to their stay in NRW or use the free online tools provided by "Deutsche Welle" for individual language training: <a href="https://www.dw.com/en/learn-german/german-courses/s-2547">https://www.dw.com/en/learn-german/german-courses/s-2547</a></p> <p>Some universities retain a deposit for the accommodation in student residences. This is a sum of money that should be paid by the student for security when renting a room or an apartment. After leaving the accommodation (properly clean and undamaged) the student will get back the amount of money.</p> <p><i>All funds are directly settled between the host facility and the scholar.</i></p>



<p><b>Who provides the Scholarship´s places?</b></p>	<p>The List of scholarship places is provided by research institutes at universities and universities of applied sciences in NRW.</p> <p>You are welcome to apply for up to three of the places offered. It is important to check if you meet the particular requirements of the place you seek to apply for, i.e. that your degree / study programme matches the discipline and required degree of the scholarship place offered (master or PhD). Furthermore, you need to make sure before applying that your stay in NRW in 2020 is consistent with your study programme schedule in Palestine.</p>
<p><b>Which conditions must I fulfil to apply?</b></p>	<p>The application must comprise the following documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>The completed application form:</b> including the place of the scholarship you seek to apply for as well as a brief statement on how the place(s) relate to your work;</li> <li>2. <b>a CV with (portrait) photo;</b></li> <li>3. <b>Documentary evidence of your previous academic achievements,</b> such as certificates of bachelor's and/or master's degree; transcript of records etc.</li> <li>4. <b>Letter of motivation:</b> 1-2 pages, containing statements on your particular interests and specialization, academic aims and prospective professional career, your expectations with regard to your stay in NRW as a scholar and the knowledge you seek to acquire during the scholarship;</li> <li>5. <b>Two letters of reference</b> from two different university lecturers (containing contact details and email address of the respective lecturer): they need to include statements on the applicant's general qualification, previous progress of studies, further course of the studies, the objectives of the final thesis and English language skills. Both letters must not be older than 6 months.</li> </ol> <p>Besides, a proof of English language skills is preferred with English (or/and German) at least at level B2.</p> <p>Here you can find a detailed <a href="#">step-by-step guide on how to apply</a></p> <p><b><i>Please note: Documents from 1. to 5. have to be submitted in one single pdf-document. All application documents must be submitted in English or German - otherwise they cannot be accepted! Documents must be signed and stamped by the issuing institution.</i></b></p>
<p><b>Closing date?</b></p>	<p>The deadline for the submission of complete applications is February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.</p> <p>The application must be submitted only via online: <a href="https://hhu.moveon4.de/form/554787a9140ba0e708000000/eng">https://hhu.moveon4.de/form/554787a9140ba0e708000000/eng</a></p> <p><i>Kindly check the plausibility of your application before online-uploading it!</i></p>



<b>Who decides?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A selection committee at the Ministry of Culture and Science of the German State of NRW;</li><li>- The coordination office of the Heinrich-Heine-University Duesseldorf;</li><li>- the respective tutors of the host universities.</li></ul>
<b>When I will be notified?</b>	At least 8 weeks after submission´s deadline
<b>Contact?</b>	Mrs. Kristina Neumann / International Office Tel.: +49-(0)211-81-15730; <a href="mailto:nrw-scholarship@hhu.de">nrw-scholarship@hhu.de</a>
<b>Application documents &amp; further information</b>	For further information on the scholarship programme, please refer to our website.  Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) and all necessary application documents can be found <a href="#">here</a> .